

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
25 N BROADWAY  
PERU, IN 46970

OCTOBER 17, 2011

Commissioner Chairman Boyer opened the meeting,

BRIDGE 152

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer, informed the Board that Butler, Fairman and Seifert reviewed the plans and they looked ok. Commissioner Faust made a motion to sign the Bridge 152 plans. Commissioner Francis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to have Chairman Boyer sign the legal advertisement. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

There will be a Wage Committee meeting on November 16. The Board will need to make 3 appointments to that committee. Commissioner Francis made a motion to have Commissioner Faust as the BOC representative and Ken Einselen as the Owner representative. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

ASSESSOR

Sara McAuliffe, Assessor, came before the Board along with Greg Fisher, property owner. Mrs. McAuliffe explained to the Board the issue Mr. Fisher has with his property and how she addressed the problem. They had bought some property and was being taxed on a brick home instead of the home they had purchased. Mrs. McAuliffe checked out their complaint and found that there had been an error but she had sent out Form 11's every year and had not heard anything from the owners. She has adjusted the assessed value. The Fishers are currently living in the garage while they remodel their house. Commissioner Faust asked if they were happy with the change is reassessment. They were but were unhappy because they said that Sandy Owens from AdVelorum said they should only pay \$160 for the year. Mrs. McAuliffe called Sandy Owens and she said she did not tell them that because she only works with assessing not figuring the bills. Ms McAuliffe gave them an appeal form, which will go to the PTABOA Board.

HIGHWAY

Sam Waltz, Highway Supervisor, updated the Board on the work they have done on drainage issues.

RECORDER

Brenda Weaver, Recorder, asked the Board if they were still in session when Commissioner Francis and Commissioner Faust came and spoke to her last week. The Board said they were not. Mrs. Weaver said that because there were two of them, it was a quorum, therefore an illegal meeting and she resented it and felt like they were bullying her. Commissioner Francis stated that he has e-mails from Mrs. Weaver stating that she likes backdoor meetings and does not like discussing things in open meetings. Mrs. Weaver stated she does like open meetings and appealed to Commissioner Boyer to make them abide by the rules. Chairman Boyer stated that they would follow the rules.

Mrs. Weaver also asked about the rules for getting rid of items in the Courthouse, referencing some old chairs that were in the Law Library that were scheduled to go to the dumpster due to work being done in library. Commissioner Faust stated that the ones that were still in one piece, they were able to get a couple of dollars for and the ones not all together were slated to go in to go into the dumpster.

Melanie Eckelbarger, Treasurers office, asked why they did not take them to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor and have an auction at some point in time. Ms. Eckelbarger also asked why they painted some cabinets when they are looking at laying people off. The Board of Commissioners are still responsible for the upkeep of the building.

#### DEEDSVILLE ALLEYS

Joe See, resident of Deedsville, asked the Board if all alleys in Deedsville have been vacated. There is an alley that is blocked and the fire department would not be able to get down it if there was a fire. The Board told him he would have to check with the Planning and Zoning Department.

#### 278 E 5<sup>th</sup> STREET

Dave Reynolds lives at 278 E 5<sup>th</sup> street and informed the Board that home next door to him is infested with fleas and all kind of animals and wanted to know if it could be purchased since no one is caring for it. The Board told him to check and see if it is up for tax sale.

#### OLD MAX PITTS BUILDING

Scott Shepard told the Board he had purchased the old Max Pitts building on Business 31. There is a small parking lot on the side of the building that he would like to purchase but it seems to belong to the County. Chairman Boyer said that it needs to be back on the tax roll and the Board will try to get some information on it.

#### EMA

Kris Marks informed the Board that one of the grain bin machines had to be used and worked very well.

Mr. Marks also told the Board that he will receive approximately \$3,400 from his extra re-imbursement and he has found a Ford Explorer in excellent condition he thinks he can purchase for around \$3,000. He will keep them updated.

#### PERU LIBRARY

Jim Tidd, MCEDA, came before the Board to give MCEDA's recommendation on pledging C.E.D.I.T. funds of \$50,000 a year for 20 years for the Peru Library project. Although MCEDA feels that the project is very worthy, they cannot support the dedication of C.E.D.I.T. funds for the project. With the decreasing income and the projects already in progress, it just is not feasible.

Barri Rassi, Library, was disappointed hearing the decision but is not giving up. The City pays approximately \$300,000 in taxes for the Library and he feels the County should put in more since County residents use it. He even suggested that it become a County Library. However, there is another library in the County (Converse Library). The County Commissioners provide \$75,000 out of their budget toward the library on behalf of the County residents that use it. The Library also receives C.O.I.T. dollars on a monthly basis.

Chairman Boyer feels it is a worthy project but right now is a very bad time financially. Mr. Rassi feels that the County has money that they can use. Chairman Boyer feels that it will have to go to a referendum but Mr. Rassi stated they kept the project under referendum amount because they knew it wouldn't pass.

#### COUNTY ATTORNEY

The revised Animal Control contract was presented to the Board for signatures. Commissioner Francis made a motion to sign the revised contract. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Roberts was asked to look over information on Transient and/or Peddlers License.

#### IDEA GRANT

Sheriff Miller brought the IDEA Grant Application to the Board. Commissioner Francis made a motion to sign the application to apply for the grant. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

#### PAYROLL

Commissioner Faust made a motion to approve payroll. Commissioner Francis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## MINUTES

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 2-0.

## SUPPLY REQUEST

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the supply request. Commissioner Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 2-0. (Commissioner Faust was out of the room)

## SHERIFF

Sheriff Tim Miller informed the Board he wants to see if he can find a cheaper contract for UPS services.

The Sheriff told the Board that the Jail passed the inspection that was done.

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## BACK IN SESSION

## LAW LIBRARY

Dick Wiles updated the Board on work he is doing in the law library. The library was in desperate need of repairs and Mr. Wiles offered to do the repairs at no cost therefore all the County has to do are provide the supplies. The Board is very pleased with the work Mr. Wiles has done and appreciates his willingness to do the work at no cost very much.

## ASSESSOR

The Assessor Brought Brian Thomas from Ad Velorem before the Board to discuss hiring the Assessor's staff to work after hours for Ad Velorem. Commissioner Faust asked who would be responsible for the Workman's Comp if something happened after hours. Mr. Thomas said he would. He said it would save a lot of time to hire people who already knows the job verses people who would have to be trained. Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow for a limited time and Commissioner Francis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 2-0. (Commissioner Boyer not present)

## RESIGNATION

Commissioner Francis made a motion to accept the resignation of Darrell Wooten, Planning and Zoning. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 2-0.

## RE-DISTRICTING

The Board spoke with Paul Wilson, Voter Registration, about the time frame for re-districting the Council districts. Mr. Wilson suggested waiting until after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. The Board asked him to get them some numbers for the districts.

Commissioner Faust made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Francis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

## Adjourned

## MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
**C. Craig Boyer**

\_\_\_\_\_, Vice Chairman  
**H. Jon Faust**

\_\_\_\_\_, Member  
**Joshua Francis**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Auditor**  
**Jane Lilley**